

# ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

## Coalinga General Plan and Housing Element



**CITY OF COALINGA**  
*The Sunny Side of the Valley*

REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar Year 2025  
(In Accordance with Government Code Section 65400)

## **INTRODUCTION**

This report is intended to comply with the requirements of Government Code Section 65400 for the completion of an annual General Plan Progress Report. This report identifies the status of the City's General Plan and its progress in its implementation. This report represents the Community Development activity for planning year 2025.

The City of Coalinga City Council took action to adopt this report in February 2026 at a regularly scheduled meeting.

Following the presentation of the report, the City Council accepted the report and authorized the City Manager to forward the report and minutes indicating acceptance to the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation and the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

## **COMPREHENSIVE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE 2025**

The City adopted its Comprehensive Update to its General Plan (2005-2025) in July of 2009. The update included a full update to the Land Use, Open Space, Safety/Noise, Circulation, and Public Facilities Elements. In 2012 the City completed its comprehensive zoning ordinance update to be in conformity with the recently adopted General Plan.

The City of Coalinga continues to actively implement the policies of the General Plan including the goals, policies and programs of the Housing Element. The following represents the progress the City has made towards implementing the General Plan and Housing Element during the Calendar Year 2025 reporting period. The information to follow is organized to correspond with the elements of the Coalinga General Plan.

## **LAND USE ELEMENT**

### **AMENDMENTS**

There were no amendments to the Land Use Element during Calendar Year 2025.

### **PROGRESS TOWARDS MEETING THE GOALS AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF THE LAND USE ELEMENT**

- The City is working to secure funding to update various sections of the land use element to reflect the current polices and direction the City of Coalinga is moving.
- Staff is continuing to update zoning regulations to ensure consistency with the General Plan and its land use policies and implementation measures, including the Housing Element. The city will be continuing its 5-year code amendment to review and update the City's zoning code as needed.

## **OPEN SPACE AND CONSERVATION ELEMENT**

### **AMENDMENTS**

There were no amendments to the Open Space and Conservation Element during 2025.

### **PROGRESS TOWARDS MEETING THE GOALS AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF THE OPEN SPACE AND CONSERVATION ELEMENT**

- The zoning codes open space regulations provide for both private and public projects (OSC1-2.2).
- The new zoning code included Development and Implementation of a Resource Extraction Overlay District (Goal OSC-4).

## **CIRCULATION ELEMENT**

### **AMENDMENTS**

There were no amendments to the Circulation Element during Calendar year 2025.

### **PROGRESS TOWARDS MEETING THE GOALS AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF THE CIRCULATION ELEMENT**

- **Highway 33 Road Rehabilitation Project – Spring 2026**

The City has been collaborating with Caltrans on a complete rehabilitation of highway 33 through the City where a large component of the project is applying “complete streets” elements to the downtown corridor in order to enhance walking and biking as well as enhancing the downtown character with safer streets.

- **Various ADA Improvements in the Downtown District and Neighborhoods – ON GOING**

The City Council has shown continued commitment to a bi-annual ADA improvement program in order to improve accessibility within the commercial core of the City. The improvements include new sidewalks where none exist, curb ramps and alley approaches. The council has made a commitment to the community on a bi-annual basis to budget \$50,000 towards the implementation of the City's ADA transition plan. In addition the City has hired precision concrete cutting to shave down all trip hazards on sidewalks throughout the City.

- **Various Maintenance Projects – ONGOING**

The City is continuing its efforts maintain a reliable circulation system within the City by focusing efforts towards street maintenance and rehabilitation (overlay, reconstruction, sidewalks, lighting and cross walks (RRFB's). Sources of funding come from, local street funds, tax measures, SB1 and Federal and State grants. Staff finalized plans for Phase 2 and 3 of a comprehensive slurry and cape seal project throughout the City.

### **Active Transportation Plan**

In 2017 the City approved an Active Transportation Plan (ATP) to further the goals, policies and implementation measures of the General Plan. The Coalinga Active Transportation Plan provides a strategy for the development of a comprehensive bicycling and walking network throughout Coalinga, as well as strategy for support facilities and education, encouragement, enforcement, and evaluation programs. It includes a Trails Master Plan that provides a strategy for the development of Class I shared-use paths or trails in and surrounding Coalinga. The Safe Routes to School Plan provides a strategy for the City and Coalinga-Huron School District to partner and provide safer and accessible routes to and from school for all travel modes, focusing on walking and bicycling, through a series of project and programmatic recommendations.

The City completed its 5-Year regional active transportation plan update on in ATP and expected to present to the City Council in 2025.

### **Active Transportation Projects**

- Multi-Use Trails Projects (ATP Cycle 4, 5, 6 & CMAQ). The City applied and was awarded funds for segments 1, 2, 13 and 14 and a portion of segments 3, 3N 4 and 9 of the multi-use trails master plan for walking and biking to provide alternative forms of transportation and recreation for the community. These projects have funding authorization and environmental has been certified for both and are now entering the right-of-way and design phase of the project funding. These projects are funded through the State of CA Active Transportation Program and CMAQ program funds.

All of the proposed street improvements projected in the upcoming year will help meet the goal of providing a balanced, safe and efficient circulation system that includes cars, public transportation, bicycles and pedestrians with the mind set of anticipated growth (*Goal C1*).

These transportation projects also help in maintaining and improving the City's existing circulation and transportation facilities. Through the budget process and street maintenance planning, the City has been able to identify the necessary improvements within the planning area that will have the highest level of impact.

The City currently uses Street saver to monitor and select appropriate treatments for the City streets in an effort to maximize funding sources available for street maintenance projects. In addition to the use of Street saver, the City entered into a contract with Good Roads to use new technologies such as artificial intelligence to determine pavement conditions and recommended treatments.

A comprehensive list of projects that the City has in various stages of design and construction can be found here:

<https://www.coalinga.com/DocumentCenter/View/2394/Current-Public-Works-Projects-List--Update-2-2025>

## **SAFETY, AIR QUALITY AND NOISE ELEMENT**

### **AMENDMENTS**

There were no amendments to the Safety, Air Quality and Noise Element during Calendar year 2025.

### **PROGRESS TOWARDS MEETING THE GOALS AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF THE SAFETY, AIR QUALITY, AND NOISE ELEMENT**

#### Noise

- Due to the nature of the guiding and implementing policies of the Noise Element, efforts to implement this Element of the General Plan are on-going in nature. Projects are reviewed on a case-by-case basis for adverse noise impacts to the environment and sensitive receptors.
- Performance Standards have been included into the new zoning ordinance to address noise related impacts due to new development such as noise or acoustical studies, sound walls, and other attenuation measures. The City will be soon undertaking a review of its noise standards and update them to have a more clear and concise standard when reviewing projects. Currently the City, absent of strict guidelines, relies on the use of the state model noise standards.
- When projects are brought before the City, staff carefully reviews projects for potential noise impacts to surrounding properties.

#### Safety

- All new construction and certain building renovations are reviewed for compliance with the Uniform Building Code for seismic safety.

- The City continues to participate in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) flood insurance program.

## **PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES ELEMENT**

### **AMENDMENTS**

There were no amendments to the Public Facilities and Services Element during Calendar year 2025.

### **PROGRESS TOWARDS MEETING THE GOALS AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF THE PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES ELEMENT**

#### Schools

- In 2025, the City continued to work with developers and property owners to ensure that adequate sites are reserved to meet the Coalinga Huron Unified School District's projected demand for future school uses. The School District has been improving school facilities based on their approved bond in 2024.
- In 2025, the City continued to collect school fees upon issuance of building permits for development projects in accordance with State law.

#### Utilities

- In 2025, the City continued to work closely with project applicants and service utilities to ensure that there is adequate capacity to serve all new and existing areas of Coalinga.
- The City of Coalinga continues spending the \$7M Water and Wastewater Bond proceeds approved for major improvements to the City's water and sewer infrastructure. These projects are currently underway and several are expected to be under construction through FY26 and into 2027.
- The City has approved, maintained and implemented the following utility master plans in order to guide and ensure the capacity to serve new growth area identified by the General Plan. These plans are in need of updating and staff is working to develop a cost plan to update said plans.
  - a. Wastewater Master Plan, Water Master Plan, Storm Water Master Plan, Natural Gas Master Plan
- The City of Coalinga is currently working on several water and sewer infrastructure projects to enhance the reliability of the City's wastewater and water treatment facilities including its distribution and collection systems.

## **HOUSING ELEMENT**

### **AMENDMENTS**

The City Council approved the Cycle 6 Housing Element in 2024 and was certified by HCD.

### **PROGRESS TOWARDS MEETING THE GOALS AND GUIDING PRINCIPALS OF THE HOUSING ELEMENT**

#### **Cycle 6 Housing Element 2024-2032 (GPA) – HCD Certified**

The City of Coalinga is collaborating with (12) twelve Fresno County Jurisdictions to develop the cycle 6 Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element which serves as the regional housing document that effectively acts as the State-mandated housing element for all participating jurisdictions. Participating jurisdictions included Fresno County, Coalinga, Fowler, Huron, Kerman Kingsburg, Mendota, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, and Selma.

1. The Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element is a single document, made up of two sections: the main body, which described demographics, housing needs, resources, and constraints at a regional level and included goals and policies common to all participating jurisdictions; and
  2. Individual appendices, which contained details for each jurisdiction (i.e., sites inventory, governmental constraints, evaluation of existing Housing Element) and individual implementation programs for Coalinga.
- The Cycle 6 housing element has been certified by HCD.
  - The City has prepared an Annual Progress Report for the Housing Element under separate cover.