



AGENDA

PLANNING COMMISSION

155 W. DURIAN, COALINGA, CA 93210

TUESDAY MARCH 12, 2019

The Mission of the City of Coalinga is to provide for the preservation of the community character by delivering quality, responsive City services, in an efficient and cost-effective manner, and to develop, encourage, and promote a diversified economic base in order to ensure the future financial stability of the City for its citizens.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER (6:00 PM)

Pledge of Allegiance

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

ROLL CALL

Commissioners:

Chairman Sailer
Vice Chairman Jacobs
Commissioner Helmar
Commissioner Garza
Commissioner Pruitt

Staff:

Sean Brewer, Community Development Director
Marissa Trejo, City Manager

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Under Government Code 54954.3 members of the audience may address the Commission on any item of interest to the public or on any agenda item before or during the Commission's consideration of the item. State law prohibits the Planning Commission from acting on non-agenda items.

INFORMATION/CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Planning Commission Recommendation to the City Council for Approval of the 2018 General Plan Progress Report

PUBLIC HEARINGS

DISCUSSION AND/OR POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Staff Announcements
2. Commissioner Announcements
3. Chairman Announcements

ADJOURN



Staff Report- Chairman and Planning Commission

Subject: Planning Commission Recommendation to the City Council for Approval of the 2018 General Plan Progress Report

Meeting Date March 12, 2019

Project Location: City of Coalinga

Applicant: City of Coalinga

Owner: City of Coalinga

Prepared By: Sean Brewer, Community Development Director

I. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Planning Commission by motion, recommend to the City Council adoption of the attached resolution accepting the 2018 General Plan Progress Report and further direct staff to submit the report to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research and the Housing Community Development Department in accordance with Government Code Section 65400(b)(1).

II. BACKGROUND:

Government Code Section 65400(b)(1) mandates that all cities and counties submit to their legislative bodies an annual report on the status of the general plan and progress in its implementation (the "Progress Report"). A copy of this Progress Report must also be sent to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

The intent of this statute is to ensure that the general plan directs all land use decisions and remains an effective guide for future development. Because the role of the general plan is to act as a "constitution" for the long-term physical development of a community and because it is required to be updated periodically to reflect current circumstances, it is critical that local planning agencies periodically review the general plan and its implementation. The Progress Report is a tool for monitoring this.

The Progress Report is useful to OPR in a number of ways. The report provides information that allows OPR to monitor local planning activities and to identify trends in land use planning and decision making throughout the State of California. This information is critical to OPR to serve in its capacity as the statewide planning agency.

III. PROPOSAL AND ANALYSIS:

The attached General Plan Annual Progress Report has been prepared in accordance with the suggested Guidelines issued by the Office of Planning and Research.

IV. FISCAL IMPACT:

- None. The General Plan Progress Report is required

V. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

Failure to submit the General Plan Annual Progress Report to the Office of Planning and Research could limit the City's ability to apply for and be issued grants and/or funding for projects administered by the State Housing and Community Development Department including but not limited to the Community Development Block Grant Program.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- ☐ 2018 General Plan Progress Report
- ☐ City Council Resolution No. 3891

ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

Coalinga General Plan and Housing Element



CITY OF COALINGA
The Sunny Side of the Valley

REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar Year 2018
(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 2018.

The City of Coalinga City Council took action to adopt this report on March 21, 2019 at a regularly scheduled meeting.

Following the presentation of the report, the City Council accepted the report and authorized the Community Development Director to forward the report and minutes indicating acceptance to the Office of Planning and Research 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. In 2012 the City of Coalinga secured a Sustainable Communities Prop 84 Grant and worked in 2013 to produce an administrative draft and adopted the comprehensive update on September 5, 2014.

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 2017 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 2018.

PROGRESS TOWARDS MEETING THE GOALS AND GUIDING PRINCIPALS 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 policies 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.

OPEN SPACE AND CONSERVATION ELEMENT

AMENDMENTS

There were no amendments to the Open Space and Conservation Element during 2018.

PROGRESS TOWARDS MEETING THE GOALS AND GUIDING PRINCIPALS 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 2018.

PROGRESS TOWARDS MEETING THE GOALS AND GUIDING PRINCIPALS OF THE CIRCULATION ELEMENT

- **Cambridge Ave Signalization - DESIGN**
The city plans to signalize Cambridge Ave and Elm Ave through an award of a Highway Safety Improvement Grant (HSIP). This project is expected to increase safety for pedestrians as well as control congestion during peak traffic time frames. Preliminary engineering began in late 2014 and construction is expected to occur in Summer of 2019.
- **Forest Street Reconstruction Phase 4 (1st Street to Elm Ave) - DESIGN**

The City has recently completed the reconstruction of Forest Street from 3rd Street to 1st Street. These improvements included a complete reconstruction of the street, new street lighting, curbs, gutters and sidewalks. This project has enhanced the ADA path of travel and improved the roadway, which has been dedicated as city truck route for several years. Phase 4 began design in late 2017 and expects to begin construction in spring/summer 2019.

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

The City Council has shown commitment to bi-annual ADA improvement projects 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 \$100,000 towards the implementation of the City's ADA transition plan.

Active Transportation Plan

In 2017 the 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.

Active Transportation Projects

- Sidewalk Gap and Safe Routes to School Project's. The City is currently designing various walking and biking projects to enhance safety for pedestrians and bicyclist in and around the schools for kindergarten through high school.
- Multi-Use Trails Projects. The City applied and was awarded funds for segments 10-14 of the multi-use trails master plan for walking and biking to provide alternative forms of transportation and recreation for the community. These projects will be funded through the State of CA Active Transportation Program.

All of the proposed street improvements projected in the upcoming fiscal years 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.

SAFETY, AIR QUALITY AND NOISE ELEMENT

AMENDMENTS

There were no amendments to the Safety, Air Quality and Noise Element during Calendar year 2018.

PROGRESS TOWARDS MEETING THE GOALS AND GUIDING PRINCIPALS 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.
- 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 2018.

PROGRESS TOWARDS MEETING THE GOALS AND GUIDING PRINCIPALS OF THE PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES ELEMENT

Schools

- In 2017, 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 2017.

- In 2017, the City continued to collect school fees upon issuance of building permits for development projects in accordance with State law.

Utilities

- In 2018, 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 has approved and 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:
 - 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 City's wastewater and water treatment facilities.

HOUSING ELEMENT

AMENDMENTS

There were no amendments to the Housing Element during Calendar Year 2018.

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

Housing Element 2015-2023 (GPA)

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

The Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element was a single document, made up of two sections: 1) 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.

- In 2016, the City of Coalinga adopted its Housing Element and is currently HCD Compliant. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65400, the City Council is required to prepare an annual report on the status and progress in implementing the City's housing element using forms and definitions adopted by the Department of Housing and Community Development. The housing report will be completed and submitted via electronic transmission at HCD's website. For the purposes of review, a copy of the housing report has been attached.

RESOLUTION NO. 3891

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COALINGA, CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE 2018 ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GENERAL PLAN

WHEREAS, the State of California requires non-charter cities and counties to have adopted General Plans to provide guidance and direction for development activities; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Coalinga's current General Plan was adopted on July 2, 2009; and,

WHEREAS, the Housing Element is one of seven mandatory elements of a General Plan required by the State of California; and,

WHEREAS, the Housing Element must be updated every eight years and reviewed for consistency with the State Department of Housing and Community Development; and,

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 65400 mandates that cities submit an Annual Progress Report on the status of the General Plan and its implementation to their legislative bodies, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the Housing and Community Development (HCD); and,

WHEREAS, the Annual Progress Report is required to include: a) The state of the Plan and the progress of its implementation; b) the progress in meeting its share of regional housing needs and local efforts to remove governmental constraints to the maintenance, improvement and development of housing; and c) the degree to which the General Plan complies with the Guidelines established by OPR; and,

WHEREAS, the City has prepared its 2018 Annual Progress Report, attached hereto as Exhibit A, in accordance with the Guidelines adopted by OPR.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of Coalinga, California does as follows:

SECTION 1. That the City of Coalinga has completed the 2018 Annual Progress Report as required by California Government Code section 65400.

SECTION 2. That the 2018 Annual Progress Report provided herein as Exhibit "A" is found to be consistent with the suggested content by the State Guidelines and is hereby accepted.

SECTION 3. That the Community Development Director is hereby authorized and directed to submit the 2018 Annual Progress Report to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

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**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Coalinga at a regular meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2019.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

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Ron Lander, Honorable Mayor

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City Clerk/Deputy City Clerk

## **EXHIBIT “A”**