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HOW DID WE GET HERE?

• **March 2017** – Draft Background Report released for review and comment to public and advisory groups

• **June 8, 2017** – Planning Commission Work Session No. 2, Commission provided initial comments on the Draft Background Report and requested staff incorporate public comments and return with revised report

• **October 2017** – Revised Draft Background Report released to the public and Planning Commissioners in advance of this Work Session
Draft Background Report

- Prepared collaboratively by consultant subject matter experts and County staff (including Technical Advisory Committee)
- “Snapshot” of existing (2016) conditions and trends in Ventura County
- Objective and policy-neutral
- Provides context for policy development and decision-making
- Provides baseline setting for General Plan Update Environmental Impact Report
- Final revision in conjunction with EIR and General Plan preparation
DRAFT BACKGROUND REPORT: TYPES OF COMMENTS RECEIVED

• Addressed missing, inaccurate or unclear information
• Did not address factual inaccuracies related to existing conditions
• Appropriate for consideration during a later phase in the General Plan Update project
• Erroneously mischaracterized or took out of context Draft Background Report content
• Referenced information already included in March 2017, Draft Background Report
• Submitted as part of ongoing SB18 and AB52 Tribal Consultation
HIGHLIGHTS OF DRAFT BACKGROUND REPORT REVISIONS

• **Chapter 2: Demographics and Economics**
  – Added Creative Economy and Nonprofit Industry Snapshots
  – Revised Section 2.5, Market Demand Measures for Different Land Uses to improve clarity and list assumptions used to calculate land supply and demand

• **Chapter 3: Land Use**
  – Revised Section 3.7 Development Holding Capacity and Remaining Development Potential
  – Revised references to open space land designated or zoned for Open Space to improve clarity
  – Expanded discussion of environmental justice, Senate Bill 1000, and designated disadvantaged communities
• Chapter 4: Health and Well-Being
  – Expanded discussion of environmental justice, Senate Bill 1000 and designated disadvantaged communities

• Chapter 6: Transportation and Mobility
  – Incorporated Ventura County Transportation Commission Wayfinding Study (2017)

• Chapter 7: Public Facilities, Services, and Infrastructure
  – Added Section 7.11, Parks and Recreation (previously located within Chapter 8)
  – Revised discussion of regional sanitation districts
  – Added description of services provided by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
  – Revised discussion of behavioral health services
• Chapter 7: Public Facilities, Services, and Infrastructure *(continued)*
  – Added discussion on broadband services and infrastructure (Section 7.4 Utilities)

• Chapter 8: Natural Resources
  – Added discussion on 2016 Air Quality Management Plan, ozone and smog (Section 8.1 Air Quality)
  – Clarified open space designation and zoning references
  – Moved Section 8.3, Open Space for Outdoor Recreation to Chapter 7
  – Added map and data related to oil and gas wells
  – Revised discussion of solar power and renewable energy
  – Expanded discussion of Land Conservation and Open Space Contracts (Section 8.2)
HIGHLIGHTS OF DRAFT BACKGROUND REPORT REVISIONS

• Chapter 9: Agriculture
  – Ventura County Agricultural Commissioner’s Office led comprehensive revision
  – Integrated most current agricultural land conversion statistics (2016)
  – Integrated statistics from the Agricultural Commissioner’s Office
  – Revised discussion of economic status of agriculture
  – Added content related to agricultural pests and programs

• Chapter 10: Water Resources
  – Added discussion of the Ventura County Groundwater Ordinance
  – Added discussion of the Integrated Regional Water Management Program
  – Added details related to the Calleguas Creek Watershed
  – Revised to isolate the Oxnard Forebay/Oxnard Plain as a separate watershed and updated maps, tables, other discussions accordingly
Chapter 12: Climate Change

Added discussions related to the following:

- Short-lived climate pollutants (SLCP) and the California Air Resources Board (CARB)’s SLCP Reduction Strategy, including black carbon and statewide SLCP regulation and reduction efforts
- New CARB regulation on Oil and Gas to address fugitive methane
- Carbon sequestration and storage
- Approach to use of Global Warming Potential values and consistency with CARB methods
• **Population and Employment Projections**
  – Existing projections: Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), State Department of Finance (DOF), Caltrans Combined Employment Projection: Integration of growth assumptions from SCAG, Caltrans, and Woods & Poole Economics
  – Context, not policy
  – Not General Plan targets

• **Land Demand**
  – Conversion of SCAG population and employment projections into theoretical acreage demands for different land use types (Table 2-38)
HOLDING CAPACITY

• Total Holding Capacity
  Theoretical maximum development based on “build-out” of adopted plans or zoning
  – Derived from current General Plan Land Use Appendix
  – Summary of city general plans (new Table 3-26)
**Remaining Development Potential**

- **Remaining Development Potential (Incremental)**
  - Amount of development that could occur accounting for development constraints

  **Residential** - Based on 2014 Housing Element
  - Parcel-specific inventory of vacant, residentially-zoned land suitable for development, including Residential High Density zones
  - Opportunities for accessory dwelling units
  - CSUCI and Piru Expansion Area
  - Farmworker/animal caretaker housing (e.g., Limoneira Company, Cabrillo Economic Development Corporation)
Remaining Development Potential (continued)

Commercial/Industrial

• Isolation of vacant land based on County Assessor classification (land that lacks the essential, appurtenant improvements required to make it useful)

• Elimination of substandard parcels (e.g., below minimum lot size)

• Elimination of constrained parcels (e.g., slopes, sensitive resources)

• Spot check for anomalies
Comparison of Land Supply and Demand

- Potential land demand associated with population and employment projections (Table 2-38)
- Land supply associated with remaining development potential (Tables 3-22 and 3-23)
- Snapshot of theoretical surplus or deficit of land to accommodate projections (Table 2-39)
- Context for General Plan Update Phases 4 and 5 (Alternatives and Plan Preparation)
# Historic Population Growth

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CLIMATE CHANGE SETTING

- Regulatory Setting: New actions taken by California Air Resources Board (CARB)
- 2015 Baseline Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Inventory: In Progress
  - Global Warming Potential (GWP) Values: Consistent with CARB’s latest statewide inventory
  - Scope of Emissions: Production-based emissions, activity-focused, consistent with CARB + existing protocols
  - Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance (VCREA): Gathering data through 2015 for most sectors
  - Consultant team next steps for baseline inventory:
    - Integrate VCREA dataset
    - Update transportation GHG sector, consistent with regional travel demand modeling (in progress)
    - Quantify GHG sectors not included in VCREA dataset (e.g., Agriculture, High-GWP gases, Oil and Gas)
GENERAL PLAN UPDATE + CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (CAP) INTEGRATION PROCESS

CAP Step #1: Baseline

Background Report

Draft Policy Document and Alternatives Analysis

CAP Steps #2-3: Forecasts, Targets, Measures

Draft EIR

CAP Steps #4-5: Adopt, Implement and Monitor

Final General Plan and EIR

General Plan Adoption, Implementation and Monitoring
**Next Steps**

- **Board of Supervisors Study Session: January 23, 2018**
  - Provide update on progress to date (Vision and Guiding Principles, Background Report)
  - Discuss schedule and upcoming tasks

- **Phase 4: Alternatives**
  - Develop Land Use Alternative Concepts and Policy Option Topics
  - Alternatives Concept Report: Planning Commission Work Session
  - Evaluate Growth Alternatives and Policy Options
  - Alternatives Report: Planning Commission Work Session / Community Workshops / Planning Commission Work Session / Board of Supervisors Study Session
  - Preferred Alternative

- **Phase 5: Preparing the General Plan**
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