



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Brian Pedrotti, Director of Community Development

**BY:** Andrew Perez, Planning Manager

**SUBJECT:** General Plan Update Progress Report – March 2025

**DATE:** March 25, 2025

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive and file a progress report on the Comprehensive General Plan Update.

### **IMPACT ON FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL RESOURCES:**

The financial and personnel impacts associated with this progress report are included in the budget for the Comprehensive General Plan Update.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The most recent progress report was provided for the City Council on [February 25, 2025](#)<sup>1</sup>. That report described the four land use alternatives that have been developed under consideration by the public and decision-makers through public outreach, at Planning Commission, and ultimately, City Council.

### **ANALYSIS OF ISSUES:**

The day after the Land Use Alternatives Workshop, held on February 5, 2025, an online survey was made available to allow community members who were unable to attend the workshop an opportunity to identify their preferred alternative and provide comments. The survey was available online from February 6, 2025, through March 10, 2025. The survey was promoted through the City's social media, [project website](#)<sup>2</sup>, and announcements via the project email list. A total of 92 surveys were completed during that timeframe. Results from the survey are summarized in the Land Use Alternatives Workshop and Survey Memorandum (Attachment 1).

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<sup>1</sup> <https://pub-arroyogrande.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=13848>

<sup>2</sup> <https://planarroyogrande.com/>

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The General Plan Citizen's Advisory Group (GPCAG) met on two occasions to discuss the proposed land use alternatives. At these meetings, GPCAG members were asked to identify their preferred land use alternative as additional input through the public process.

Feedback received from GPCAG, surveys, and the community workshop, were presented to the Planning Commission on [March 18, 2025](#)<sup>3</sup>. The Planning Commission was asked to identify a preferred land use alternative for purposes of making a recommendation to the City Council. The Planning Commission's recommendation and all other public input received will be presented to the Council at its meeting on April 8, 2025, to identify a preferred land use alternative. The preferred land use alternative may be one of the four alternatives presented or a hybrid alternative that pulls select features from the various land use scenarios.

**Climate Action Plan**

Staff and its consultants have initiated the update to the Climate Action Plan (CAP). The first step consists of gathering data to establish a community greenhouse gas emissions inventory that is broken down into different sectors: building energy, transportation, solid waste, and water and wastewater. Establishing an updated GHG inventory is essential to the climate planning process because it provides a metric to measure successes with emissions reductions efforts. The work effort to update the CAP will continue to occur concurrently with the overall General Plan Update.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The following alternatives are provided for the Council's consideration:

1. Receive and file this progress report on the Comprehensive General Plan Update;  
or
2. Provide other direction to staff.

**ADVANTAGES:**

Regular updates to the City Council will inform decision-makers and the community on the status of the project.

**DISADVANTAGES:**

None identified.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:**

No environmental review is required to receive and file this progress report on the General Plan Update because it has no potential to result in either a direct, or reasonably foreseeable indirect, physical change in the environment. (State CEQA Guidelines, Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15060, subd. (c)(2)-(3), 15378.).

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<sup>3</sup> <https://pub-arroyogrande.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=a6bae13b-e5e2-4f8e-9edb-1472b6e645dc&lang=English&Agenda=Agenda&Item=13&Tab=attachments>

**PUBLIC NOTIFICATION AND COMMENTS:**

The Agenda was posted at City Hall and on the City's website in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2.

**ATTACHMENT:**

1. Land Use Alternatives Workshop and Survey Memorandum