

## **Noise Element CPC Summary Sheet**

The Noise Element provides goals and policies to protect San Diegans from excessive noise. It identifies potential sources of noise in the City and policies that address existing and foreseeable noise issues. The Noise Element guides planned land uses and identifies noise abatement measures to protect people from an excessive noise environment.

On November 29, 2005, the CPC General Plan Subcommittee reviewed the July 2005 Draft General Plan Noise Element. On January 24, 2006, the full CPC provided recommendations to the Element. The attached table reflects these recommendations, indicates staff's responses, and, if applicable, identifies where new policies are located in the October 2006 Draft Noise Element.

On November 13, 2006, four members of the CPC General Plan Subcommittee reviewed the October 2006 Draft Noise Element and provided the following recommendations for the full CPC's consideration:

- Reduce the conditionally compatible noise level for future multiple unit residential from the 70-dBA to 65-dBA for areas affected by aircraft noise from San Diego International Airport consistent with draft policy for other airports.
- Add language to address exposure to multiple single event noises to the draft policy addressing not subjecting occupants to prolonged exposure to high noise levels in outdoor areas.

The subcommittee also proposed specific wording changes to refine various policies.

## Noise Element - CPC Summary Sheet Attachment

CPC Recommendations on Conservation Element (CE) made at CPC Meeting of January 24, 2006	Staff Responses to CPC Recommendations
References refer to July 2005 Draft General Plan Noise Element (NE)	References refer to October 2006 Draft General Plan
<b>Subsection A</b> , In the first sentence states, the words “residential land uses” should be changed to “ <i>all land uses.</i> ”	The sentence was redrafted to state: The Noise Element influences the Land Use Element policies since excessive noise affects land uses, specifically, the quality of life of people working and living in the city. (p. NE-6)
Figure NE-2: Changes were discussed with CPC.	The following edits were made (now Table NE-3): Only 3 categories used: compatible; conditionally compatible, incompatible. Included a discussion of indoor and outdoor uses for each noise compatibility category. Removed all overlap in compatibility categories. Land use categories are consistent with Land Development Code land uses. Indicated noise attenuation level. (pp. NE-8, NE-9)
<b>Subsection B</b> , Policy NE-B.1 - Add “ <i>and site planning</i> ” after “compatible land uses.”	Edit was made. (p. NE-10)
Policy NE-B.2 -Add “ <i>with due consideration of the traffic impacts that would be created</i> ” at the end of the policy.	Policy revised to state: Consider traffic calming design, traffic control measures, and low noise pavement surface that minimize motor vehicle traffic noise in noise-sensitive locations (see ME-C.5 regarding traffic calming). (p. NE-10)
<b>Subsection C</b> , Policy NE-C.1 - Add “ <i>and site planning</i> ” after “noise-compatible land uses.”	Policy revised to state: Use site planning to help minimize exposure to noise sensitive uses to rail corridor and trolley line noise. (p. NE-12)
<b>Subsection D</b> , Replace section with the language provide by a CPC member, Buzz Gibbs.	Edit was made with additional revisions to the language. (pp. NE-12 to NE-14)
<b>Subsection F</b> , Add new policy to state: “Provide for separation of residential and industrial uses, so that sensitive noise receptors are not in close proximity, or are buffered and insulated”	The following new policy was added: “Provide for sufficient spatial separation between industrial uses and residential and other noise-sensitive land uses. This would include utilizing other feasible mitigation measures to reduce the noise source, such as noise attenuation methods, interrupt the noise path, or insulating the receptor to minimize the exposure of noise-sensitive land uses to excessive industrial-related noise.” (p. NE-17)
<b>Subsection F</b> , Policy NE-F.2 and NE-F.3 Add “where possible if sensitive noise impacts are created” at the end of both policies.	The following language was added to both policies (now NE-F3 & NE-F4): “where it affects residential and other noise-sensitive land uses.” (p. NE-17)
<b>Subsection G</b> , Policy NE-G.2 Replace “Continue to” with “ <i>Enforce.</i> ”	The discussion section was edited to include “The City enforces the Noise Abatement and Control Ordinance, which addresses and limits excessive noise from these activities.” Wanted to avoid having policies reference

	regulations, since the stated policies should be implemented by the regulations. (p. NE-18)
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