General Plan Amendments Summary

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Element	Proposed General Plan Amendment	Purpose
Land Use & Community Planning	Section D. Amend initiation criteria language to clarify how to handle public projects that do not involve land use changes, and address appeal procedures.	Clarification and clean-up.
	Section J. Expand discussion section to provide a more in-depth legislative history, discuss the Environmental Tier, and provide context for multiple Proposition A implementation measures. Add new goals and policies regarding the use of conditional use permits, the applicability of the North City Future Urbanizing Framework Plan, and ongoing requirements of Proposition A.	Incorporates the provisions of Council Policies 600-29 and 600-30; intent is to rescind the Council Policies. Clarifies the purpose, intent, and requirements of Proposition A and provide a guide to its continued implementation.
Mobility	Introduction. Revise discussion to reflect changes that occurred in 2009 related to how the region addresses congestion management.	To provide up-to-date information.
Economic Prosperity	Section A. Amend Policy EP-A.14 to allow for the continued operation of existing hospitals and adult education uses in Prime Industrial Lands.	Policy refinement based on experience gained through implementation.
	Section G. Expand Community and Infrastructure Investment section to provide additional discussion and policies on community investment and revitalization tools.	To provide up-to-date information.
	Section K. Edit Redevelopment section to provide historical information on the Redevelopment process and its demise. Cross reference to Section G – Community and Infrastructure Investment	To provide up-to-date information.
	Section L. Edit Policy EP-L.2 to remove reference to the term "CEBA" as it is not further defined or described in the General Plan, or used in common practice. Continue to require that the information be provided.	Clarification.

Public Facilities, Services and Safety	Section D. Amend Fire-Rescue discussion and policies to reflect new performance measures.	In 2011 the City conducted a deployment study. The City Council adopted the study's recommendations, including new performance measures. The amendments reflect the Council-approved measures.
Recreation	Section A. Add new sub-policies RE-A.1.k and RE.A.2.d to provide the policy basis to allow for non-residential development to contribute to park and recreation facilities, when certain processes and conditions are met.	Incorporates the provisions of Council Policy 600-17; intent is to rescind the Council Policy.
	Add new sub-policies RE-A-8.d & e to ensure that parks can be accessed from a public right-of-way and to reference the "Consultants Guide to Park Design & Development."	Incorporates the provisions of Council Policy 600-11; intent is to rescind the Council Policy.
Conservation	Section B. Edit pp. CE-13, 14, 35, & 36. Add text regarding the Vernal Pool Habitat Conservation Plan (VPHCP).	To provide up-to-date information (must be timed to follow VPHCP adoption).
Noise	Section A. Edit Noise Element Table NE-3, to adjust noise level compatibility for parks and religious assembly. Use land use terms that are consistent with the Land Development Code and reference LDC Chapter 13, use regulation tables. Propose an alternative method of measuring noise levels in parks. New Policy NE-B.9 to address park planning with respect to noise. New Section D discussion text and Policy NE-D.7 to acknowledge that noise policies in Airport Land Use Compatibility Plans (ALUCP) may be more restrictive than what is shown on Table NE-3.	Helps support urban park development and recognizes current ambient noise conditions. Addresses differences in ALUCP noise requirements. Proposed park/noise levels are consistent with State of California General Plan Guidelines and most major California cities. Maintains policy support to plan for quieter parks. The change to religious assembly uses is to be consistent with how other assembly uses are treated.